



# The Navy League of Canada

BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION

## OBJECTS

1. A thoroughly organized educational campaign throughout Canada in matters pertaining to the Navy and Mercantile Marine.
2. To raise funds for the relief of British and Canadian sailors and their dependents, for Sailors' Homes, Institutes and Hospitals in Canada and throughout the Empire.
3. To encourage volunteer Naval Brigades for boys and young men in which they can receive practical and theoretical instruction in seamanship to prepare them for service in our Mercantile Marine.

## POLICY

1. To disseminate among the people of Canada a knowledge of the necessity and use of sea power as the keystone of Empire and National defence and commercial prosperity.
2. The advocacy of a policy that Canada shall assume her proper share of the cost and maintenance of protecting her own trade routes and coast defences.
3. The advocacy of a marine policy that will tend to build up our mercantile tonnage.
4. The advocacy of the establishment of a naval reserve force composed of Canadian officers and men who have served either in the Imperial or Canadian Naval forces.
5. The support of all just claims of officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy and its auxiliaries with regard to pay and pensions, and that merchant officers and men in times of war be put on an equal footing with regard to pay and pensions with officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy.

6. The support of Sailors' Institutes in Canadian ports to better the conditions of the merchant seamen when ashore.

7. The application of steady pressure upon Parliament and the Government for the most efficient administration of the Department of Naval Service, and the abandonment of the present system of the portfolio of Marine, Fisheries and Naval Defence being under one Minister.

8. The application of steady pressure upon all citizens enjoying the Canadian Franchise to see to it that our public men and Members of Parliament **SHALL INSIST UPON THE ADMINISTRATION OF OUR MARITIME POLICY BEING FREE FROM PARTISAN ACTION.**

9. The encouragement and extension of Naval Colleges and of the Boys' Naval Brigade Movement, and the establishment of proper training institutions, with a view to the preparation of boys and men for a sea-faring career, to the ultimate end that all Canadian ships shall be manned by British-born and **THE ELIMINATION OF ALIENS FROM THE MERCANTILE MARINE.**

**Fact**—Five hundred years before the Battle of Jutland, the Parliament of England resolved:

"The Navy is the chief support of the wealth, the business, and the whole prosperity of the land."

**Prophecy**—Fifty-eight years before Nelson won the Battle of the Nile "Rule Britannia" was sung for the first time:

"To thee belongs the rural reign;  
Thy cities shall with commerce shine;  
All thine shall be the subject main,  
And every shore it circles, thine."

**Fulfilment**—Admiral Lord Beatty, who received the surrendered German Fleet, November 21st, 1918, speaking with knowledge of the Fact and as an agent in the fulfilment of the Prophecy, says:

"We (the British Empire) came into being by the sea,  
and we cannot exist without the sea."

This last is the Faith of the Navy League of Canada, and **WE WANT YOUR SUPPORT.** Will you join?

## EDUCATION

With reference to our Educational Campaign, which we are carrying on in British Columbia, it is well to state first and foremost that **WE HAVE THE SUPPORT AND BACKING OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, WHO GRANTED US**

**THE SUM OF \$1,000.00 TO ASSIST IN THE FURTHERANCE  
OF OUR WORK LAST YEAR.**

The Government has also endorsed our reader, "Flag and Fleet," which it is placing in the Public Schools as a supplementary reader. A lecturer is sent around the Province, visiting the schools and giving illustrated lectures on Naval and Mercantile subjects, following which essays are written by the senior classes and prizes are awarded in each of the following:

1. Entrance Class.
2. Junior Fourth Class.

The Prizes are as follows:

**1st Prize**—A Photograph, 16" x 20" (a reproduction of one of the large Naval Photographs recently on exhibition throughout the Dominion), framed in oak, and attached to the frame is a brass plate bearing the name of the winner and the words:

Presented to.....

by

The Navy League of Canada  
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This picture remains the property of the school and hangs on the wall of the classroom of which the successful pupil was at the time a member.

The pupils themselves get a book on some Naval or Maritime subject, together with a certificate.

**2nd Prize**—A book and a certificate.

**3rd Prize**—A certificate.

Up to the time of going to press some 150 schools have been visited, and some thirty or forty thousand children spoken to. Schools who have availed themselves of our competition so far include:

Victoria and District.

New Westminster and District.

Duncan and District.

Fraser Valley.

Crow's Nest, Kootenay and Okanagan Districts.

Prince Rupert, and others.

In places too remote for the Navy League to visit on account of the expense, the Department of Education has agreed to instruct their Inspector to have the schools write essays following instruction from the reader "Flag and Fleet," the teachers to submit the best three to Navy League Headquarters, when prizes will be given in the shape of books and certificates.

We are hoping this year to touch a great many schools as yet not visited. With this object in view we now have a representative who gives the major portion of his time to that particular work. Adult meetings are also addressed, and wherever possible Branches of the League are formed.

At present we have 22 Branches in the Province, including the most important centres, such as Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Revelstoke, Nelson, Trail, Atlin, Prince Rupert, Vernon, Kelowna, Nakusp, and other important points.

Our membership is at present about 5,000 in the Province, and is increasing every day.

We are constantly receiving letters from various School Boards and principals expressing their appreciation of the value of our lectures from an educational standpoint of view.

We are endeavouring to get one of our pictures placed in every school in the Province eventually, but to do this entails a heavy expense, and as our funds are all obtained by voluntary subscription and membership, **UNLESS THE PUBLIC SUPPORT US BY BECOMING MEMBERS OR SUBSCRIBING TO OUR FUNDS, THE NATIONAL WORK WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH MUST NECESSARILY BE CURTAILED.**

### **INSTITUTES**

With reference to our Institutes, we have one in British Columbia, situated at the Port of Vancouver, and which involved the expenditure of some \$75,000.

This institute is operated and maintained wholly by the Navy League of Canada, and attends to the wants and welfare of any seafaring man.

This Institute requires funds for maintenance, and practically the only source of revenue it has is that furnished by voluntary subscription, and such moneys as can from time to time be raised by concerts, dances, entertainments, etc.

Your membership fee or donation is used for these purposes, but any donation can be specially earmarked for any one particular object.

### **RELIEF**

We also render aid to the widows and dependents of sailors wherever possible, and where the case is found to be deserving. When the S.S. Princess Sophia foundered two years ago with the loss of all hands, the Dominion Council of the Navy League granted \$5,000.00 to the British Columbia Division for relief purposes, and

we are still able to help some of the dependents of members of the Sophia's crew by paying them a small monthly pension. Attention is also given to sick sailors in Hospital throughout the Province.

### **BOYS BRIGADES**

With the object in view of manning our Mercantile Marine with British subjects, to the elimination of alien crews, we are conducting Boys Naval Brigades.

At the present we have strong Brigades in Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Trail and Kaslo.

The boys are under the supervision of ex-naval officers and instructors, and are given a grounding in the rudiments of seamanship, which prepares them for the Mercantile Marine. The tuition is gratis, although in Victoria the parents of the boys were so impressed with the benefits received from the training that they voluntarily agreed to pay the sum of 50c per month towards the expense of carrying on the good work.

The boys have been taken out for periodical cruises on Government boats, also taken over large vessels in the harbour, to familiarize them with the different parts of a ship and the workings of the same.

They are taught to box the compass, take soundings, splicing and knotting, rules of the road; to handle a boat, row, swim, etc., and when a boy gets through his training he is an all-round handy man.

We have now made arrangements to place boys as able seamen or cadets to train for officers on some of the leading ocean service steamboats.

**DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS WE HAVE PLACED OVER TWENTY OF OUR BOYS IN SUCH POSITIONS.** A Central Registry is kept at Navy League Headquarters of boys eligible for these places and enabling us to fill, at a minute's notice, a request for a seaman or other hand.

The Brigades need funds to carry on, and here again your membership fee or donation goes to help us finance this national work.

Admiral of the Fleet, Viscount Jellicoe, when making his recommendations to the Federal Parliament in Ottawa, referred to the excellent work the Boys Brigades were doing, and added that great credit was due those who were spending their money and time in furthering the objects.



## EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

Last but not least, we endeavour to adjust difficulties which sailors of both services find themselves faced with, and we have arrangements whereby we are able to place sailors in positions, afloat or ashore, which will coincide with their respective abilities and inclinations. During the past twelve months a great many returned sailors were placed in positions, and other forms of help have been rendered in many cases.

Help us today by becoming a member or contributing to our funds, as we feel sure you appreciate fully **THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF CANADA BUILDING UP HER OWN MERCANTILE MARINE, MANNED BY CANADIANS**, to take care of her own seaborne trade, and by so doing help to carry the \$600,000,000.00 worth of annual Canadian exports and imports in our own ships, instead of in foreign vessels.

**REMEMBER.** We are doing our best to make our children proud of Canada and of our Empire. We are showing them what sea-power has done for us in the past and the necessity for maintaining it throughout the future.

### WILL YOU HELP THIS GREAT WORK?

Send your membership or donation today to the Secretary of your Local Branch or to the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, Rooms 203-4, Stobart Building, Victoria, B. C.

The Schedule of Membership Fees is as follows:

Life Membership -	-	-	-	-	-	\$100.00	
Sustaining Member -	-	-	-	-	-	9.00	annually
Contributing Member -	-	-	-	-	-	4.00	"
Member -	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	"
Junior Member (under 18 years of age) -	-	-	-	-	-	.25	"
"The Sailor"—Official Organ of the Navy League of Canada (published monthly) -							1.00 "

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**TO THE**  
**Navy League of Canada**

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I hereby apply for enrollment as a.....  
Member of the **NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA**, and enclose

\$.....to cover Annual Membership Dues.

Name.....

Street Address.....

City..... Province.....

I also enclose One Dollar, for which please send

**The Sailor**

the Official Organ of the Navy League, to my address as  
below for one year.

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